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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment to the above-identified U.S.
patent application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the title of the invention on page 1, lines 2-3, with the following:

FIRESTARTER MATERIAL AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE

1. A firestarter material comprising a mixture of a solid fuel and a solid oxidant, the mixture being in a form suitable for use as a firestarter material.

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of co-pending application serial number 09/165,270 filed on October 1, 1998. The application is also related to co-pending application serial number 09/409,647 filed on October 1, 1999, and co-pending application serial number 09/754,240 filed on January 3, 2001.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-47 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. A method of canceling claims in a patent application, comprising:
receiving a request to cancel claims in a patent application;
determining whether the request is for claims 1-47;
if the request is for claims 1-47, canceling the claims;
if the request is not for claims 1-47, not canceling the claims.

Please add the following new claims:

48. A firestarter material, comprising;

(a) a plurality of waxed corrugated cardboard segments; and

(b) a plurality of paper segments;

(c) wherein said waxed corrugated cardboard segments and said paper

segments are mixed together.

49. A firestarter material as recited in claim 48, wherein said waxed

corrugated cardboard segments and said paper segments are mixed together in a ratio of waxed corrugated cardboard segments to paper segments greater than 1:1.

50. A firestarter material, comprising;

(a) a plurality of waxed corrugated cardboard segments; and

(b) a plurality of paper segments;

(c) wherein said waxed corrugated cardboard segments and said paper

segments are mixed together; and

(d) wherein said waxed corrugated cardboard segments and said paper

segments are mixed together in a ratio of waxed corrugated cardboard segments to paper segments greater than 1:1.

51. A firestarter material, comprising;

- (a) a plurality of waxed corrugated cardboard segments;
- (b) wherein a portion of said waxed corrugated cardboard segments are hammermilled into a cotton-like fiber material.

52. A firestarter material as recited in claim 51, wherein the ratio of non-hammermilled cardboard segments to hammermilled cardboard segments is greater than 1:1.

53. A firestarter material, comprising;

- (a) a plurality of waxed corrugated cardboard segments;
- (b) wherein a portion of said waxed corrugated cardboard segments are hammermilled into a cotton-like fiber material; and
- (c) wherein the ratio of non-hammermilled cardboard segments to hammermilled cardboard segments is greater than 1:1.

54. A method for making a firestarter material as recited in claim 48, comprising;

- (a) cutting a sheet of waxed corrugated cardboard into a plurality of segments;
- (b) cutting a sheet of paper into a plurality of paper segments; and

(c) mixing said waxed corrugated cardboard segments and said paper segments together.

55. A method as recited in claim 54, wherein said waxed corrugated cardboard segments and said paper segments are mixed together in a ratio of waxed corrugated cardboard segments to paper segments greater than 1:1.

56. A method for making a firestarter material as recited in claim 50, comprising;

(a) cutting a sheet of waxed corrugated cardboard into a plurality of segments;

(b) cutting a sheet of paper into a plurality of segments; and

(c) mixing said waxed corrugated cardboard segments and said paper segments together.

57. A method for making a firestarter material as recited in claim 51, comprising;

(a) cutting a sheeting of waxed corrugated cardboard into a plurality of segments; and

(b) hammermilling a portion of said waxed corrugated cardboard segments into a cotton-like fiber material.

REMARKS

This First Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. Entry is respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES

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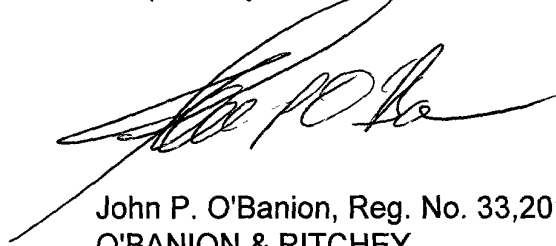
Page 1, delete lines 5 and 6 and insert:

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